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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Sgt. D. Booth  
Cpl. S. Bills  
Cpl. P. Hunter  
PFC S. Hinchman

FROM: Chief W.H. Holbrook *WHH*

DATE: December 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Commendation U.S. Attorney Award

On October 15, 2012, R. Booth Goodwin, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia, submitted a memorandum commending each of you for your outstanding performance during the "Dirty Deeds" OCDETF Investigation. This case involved the prosecution of a number of local and out of state crack cocaine and oxycodone dealers which resulted in the dismantling of a major DTO and lengthy prison sentences for those involved.

Your hard work and sacrifice does not go unnoticed. It is especially gratifying to see such high praise of your performance from our U.S. Attorney. Each of you represent the Huntington Police Department in the highest of standards and I commend you for a job well done! Keep up the great work and keep leading by example.

A copy of this memorandum and U.S. Attorney Goodwin's commendation will be placed in your personnel files.

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cc: personnel files

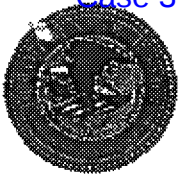
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October 15, 2012

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Huntington Police Department  
675 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Re: Letter of Commendation – Burke, et al. ("Dirty Deeds" OCDETF Investigation)  
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TO: Mayor Kim Wolfe

FROM: Chief W.H. Holbrook

DATE: June 29, 2012

SUBJECT: **"Operation Dirty Deeds" – Officer of the Month Award April 2012**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Booth Goodwin II", is written over a horizontal line.

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United States Attorney



**MAYOR KIM WOLFE**

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July 18, 2012

Corporal Shane Bills  
Huntington Police Department  
675 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Huntington, WV 25701

Dear Corporal Bills:

I want to personally congratulate you for being named Officer of the Month for April 2012. The professionalism and performance that you, and the other members of the HPD Special Investigations Division, portrayed during your work on "Operation Dirty Deeds" was exemplary.

Both Chief Holbrook and I agree that your job performance reflects favorably on the Huntington Police Department and the City of Huntington. Your commitment to the Huntington Police Department and the City of Huntington will have a lasting positive effect on our community.

Thank you for your service and commitment to the Huntington Police Department, the City of Huntington, and its citizens.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Mayor Kim Wolfe

KW/ab

c: Chief of Police W. H. Holbrook  
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FROM: W. H. Holbrook, Chief of Police WHH

DATE: November 29, 2011

SUBJECT: **Commendation—Outstanding Implementation of  
District Initiative-Drug Market Intervention (DMI) Huntington**

On October 6, 2011, United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia, R. Booth Goodwin II, recognized you and other members of the Huntington Police Department for outstanding implementation of District Initiative: Drug Market Intervention Initiative (DMI) at the 2011 United States Attorney's Law Enforcement and Victim Assistance Awards.

This initiative began last year and included collaboration with other area law enforcement officers, the Fairfield West Improvement Council, the Fairfield Crime and Safety Committee and faith community leaders. This problem-solving initiative was designed to close down open-air drug markets and associated crime. To-date, the Fairfield West Drug Market area in and around 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Ninth Avenue has been eliminated and sustained violent crime reductions of around 70% have been observed. Drug crimes in the DMI area have gone from representing 60% of drug crimes in the city to only 10% of such crimes.

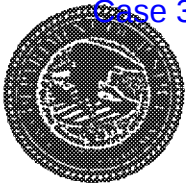
This initiative has resulted in the true transformation of a once distressed neighborhood. I join United States Attorney R. Booth Goodwin II in recognizing your work in the DMI initiative. I commend you for your efforts in this case and the example you set for other officers to follow.

WHH/lja

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Captain H. Dial  
Lieutenant R. Cornwell  
Lieutenant D. Underwood  
Sergeant D. Booth  
Sergeant E. Corder  
Corporal J. Franklin

Corporal S. Bills ✓  
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September 8, 2011

Cpl. Shane Bills  
Huntington Police Department  
675 10th Street  
Huntington, WV 25701

Re: 2011 U. S. Attorney's Law Enforcement & Victim Assistance Awards

Dear Shane:

I would like to congratulate you on being selected as an award recipient this year! You were nominated for this award because of your outstanding efforts in the Drug Market Intervention (DMI) Initiative.

It would give me great pleasure to present you with this award at a ceremony and reception to honor you and the other 2011 award recipients at noon on October 6, 2011, at the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center, located at 519 John Marshall Drive in Huntington, West Virginia.

Please confirm your attendance with Deanna Eder by calling (304) 345-2200, ext. 3090, or emailing her at [deanna.eder@usdoj.gov](mailto:deanna.eder@usdoj.gov) no later than September 22, 2011. Also, please verify the spelling of your name, and rank, if applicable.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

R. BOOTH GOODWIN II  
United States Attorney

cc: Chief W. H. Holbrook, Huntington Police Dept.



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Chief W. H. "Skip" Holbrook

TO: Corporal Shane Bills

FROM: W. H. Holbrook, Chief of Police *WHH*

DATE: October 27, 2010

SUBJ: Commendation: 2010 United States Attorney's Award

On October 6, 2010 you and Detective Curt Nethercutt were recognized by United States Attorney R. Booth Goodwin II for your outstanding contributions to the "Snowcrash" OCDETF investigation. This significant investigation led to the successful prosecution of principals Wilson Watson, Jr., Stephen Gray and others.

Because of your efforts, you received the 2010 United States Attorney's Law Enforcement and Victim Assistance Award. Receiving this award reflects very favorably upon yourself and the Huntington Police Department. Your efforts in narcotics investigations are well-known both locally and regionally.

I commend you for a job well done! A copy of this memo, as well as the award letter, will be placed in your Personnel File.

WHH/lja

C: Personnel File ✓



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September 15, 2010

Shané Bills  
Huntington Police Department  
675 10th Street  
Huntington, WV 25701

*RE: 2010 U. S. Attorney's Law Enforcement and Victim Assistance Awards*

Dear Shane:

*I would like to congratulate you on being selected as an award recipient this year! You were nominated for this award by AUSA John Frail for your work in the "Snowcrash" OCDETF investigation which led to the successful prosecution of Wilson Watson, Jr., Stephen Gray and others.*

*It would give me great pleasure to present you with this award at a ceremony and reception to honor you and the other 2010 award recipients on October 6, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. at the University of Charleston Rotunda located at 2300 MacCorkle Avenue, SE, Charleston, West Virginia.*

*Please confirm your attendance with Deanna Eder by calling (304) 345-2200, extension 3090 no later than September 24, 2010.*

*Again, congratulations!*

Sincerely,

R. BOOTH GOODWIN II  
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cc: / Chief Skip Holbrook, Huntington Police Dept.  
AUSA John Frail, USAO SDWV






Chief Gordon Ramey II

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TO: Officer Shane Bills

FROM: Gordon Ramey II, Chief of Police 

DATE: May 11, 2001

SUBJECT: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

I would like to take this opportunity to personally commend you on your outstanding performance on April 29, 2001, when you responded with Officer Charlton to a Missing Juvenile call in Altizer. Your assistance resulted in the apprehension of David C. Stapleton for the Sexual Assault of a Juvenile. In addition, your efforts helped Detective Beckett identify the suspect and collect evidence for the case.

Your efforts not only reflect favorably upon yourself but the Huntington Police Department as a whole. Your action resulted in a favorable outcome of what could have ended in the suspect eluding prosecution.

On behalf of the members of the Huntington Police Department, I would like to thank you and express my appreciation for a job well done.


GR/ew/ja



Chief Mike Nimmo

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TO: Officer Shane Bills

FROM: Gordon Ramey II, Chief of Police 

DATE: March 29, 2001

SUBJECT: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and commend you for your role in the apprehension of James Robert Stone. The arrest cleared the robberies of Kentucky Fried Chicken, El Haijj Salon and Spa, CVS Pharmacy (03/14/01), and Speedway (03/12/01).

Your efforts are worthy of recognition and reflect most favorably on the City of Huntington and the Huntington Police Department. Thanks for a job well done.


GR/ew/ja



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Officer Shane Bills

FROM: Sam Scheidler, Interim Chief of Police 

DATE: January 4, 2001

SUBJECT: Commendation

Upon a letter of recommendation from your Shift Commander, Lt. Gene Hollingsworth, this commendation is awarded to you for professional police performance that resulted in the investigation and clearance of several armed robberies of pizza drivers and at least six stolen property cases. (See CR#00-13258.)

Your exemplary police performance has reflected most positively on the Huntington Police Department. Thank you. Keep up the good work!

Copies of this letter and that of Lt. Hollingsworth regarding this matter will be placed in your personnel file for future reference.

SS/ja